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Fifty-Second Annual Session

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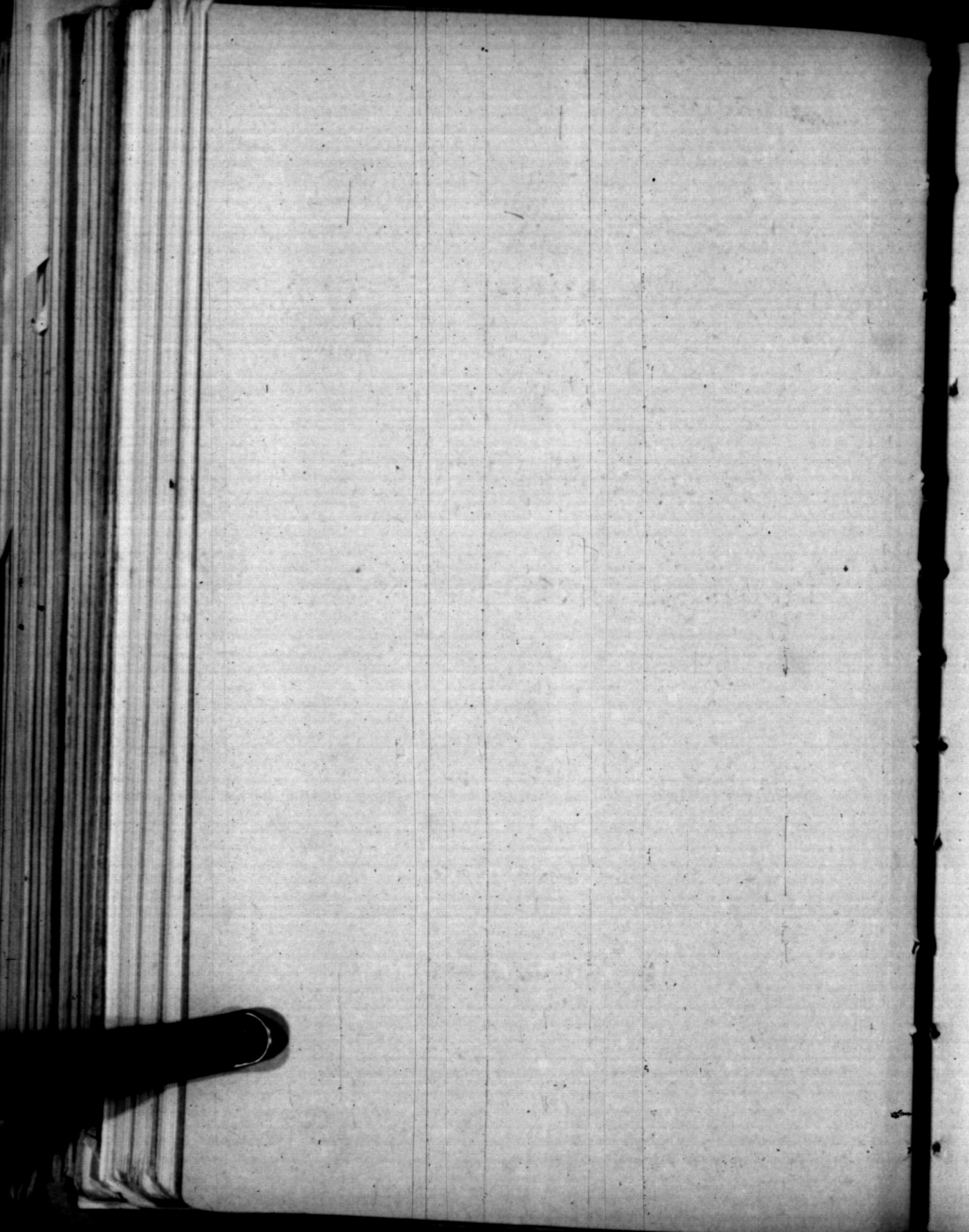
Harmony Baptist Association


HELD WITH

Thomas Town Church,

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Officers.

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MODERATOR.

T. E. Morris Lena, Miss.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

T. G. Ward Lena, Miss.

NEXT MEETING.

PLACE.—Rocky Point Church, Fourteen miles Southeast of
Kosciusko.

TIME.—Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1902.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

E. J. Hill Good Hope, (L.) Miss.

ALTERNATE.

G. W. Nutt Good Hope, (L.) Miss.



Proceedings.

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THOMAS TOWN, Miss., Oct. 26, 1901.

According to adjournment of last session, the Harmony Baptist Association met with Thomas Town Church, Leake County, in its Fifty-Second Session.

After the congregation had sung a hymn the Moderator of last session, T. E. Morris, read the first Psalm, called on brother O. B. Hill to lead in prayer.

After prayer the body was called to order; the Clerk being absent the Moderator appointed T. G. Ward, clerk pro tem, and Dr. J. N. Denson and Rev. A. B. Hill reading clerks.

Before ordering the letters read the Moderator appointed the following named brethren as a Finance Committee:

E. T. Gober, J. N. Dorrell and F. M. Ellington.

Letters were then read from the following named churches and the brethren whose names are found opposite were seated as delegates:

Carthage.....	Rev. A. B. Hill, Clifton Thomas.
Stump Ridge.....	Rev. J. M. Vinson, A. B. Coleman.
Standing Pine.....	O. H. Barnett, C. A. Cox.
Tuscola.....	R. L. Denson.
Walnut Grove.....	J. L. Parker, D. J. Britt.
Camden.....	J. E. Gober.
Union Church.....	Solemon Sockey, John ockey.
Wake Forest.....	G. W. Moore.
New Hope.....	A. H. Langston, R. M. Hendrix, T. G. Ward.
Lottville.....	S. H. Smith.
New Providence.....	R. M. Flowers.
Good Hope, (L.,).....	Revs. T. E. Morris, E. J. Hill, G. W. Nutt and
Dr. J. N. Denson.....	
Friendship.....	Prof. J. F. Parkinson, W. I. Phillips, Walter Slay and
Arthur Meadow.....	
Cross Roads.....	J. Alfiss Trest.
Unity.....	J. R. Newsom, R. D. King.

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Good Hope, (M.,)	J. F. Kernap, James Cauthen, W. F. Barrett, O. T. McDaniel, J. R. Sherod ..	Patt Clitto.
Mt. Zion, (Chk.,)	Jas. Turner, J. H. Carpenter, Jessie Edwards, Fonge Parker ..	
Hopewell	F. M. Ellington, A. Y. Foster.	
Cedar Grove	J. A. Watkins, W. B. Dumas.	
Bethany, (Chk.,)	Will Jimmie, Silmon Bell.	
Hopewell, (Chk.,)	F. P. S. Thombie, Taylor York.	
Rocky Point	T. D. Cook, E. S. Douglass, J. R. Lowe.	
Hebron	O. B. Thornton, R. C. Mitchell.	
Midway	S. W. Moore, S. D. Jackson.	
Salem	J. N. Dorrell, C. L. Barnett.	
Mt. Zion	J. A. Thomas, W. T. Thomas, R. B. Gunter.	
Mt. Carmel	John I. Blocker.	
Thomas Town ..	T. B. Blallock, J. R. Bell, E. T. Gober, E. D. Roberts.	
New Union	J. M. Thomas, W. D. Evans.	

The body was then declared ready for permanent organization.

By motion of J. W. Denson, A. B. Hill was instructed to cast the ballot for T. E. Morris for Moderator and T. G. Ward, Clerk and Treasurer.

By motion the Association took a recess of one-half hour for refreshments.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

It being the order the introductory sermon was preached by T. G. Ward from Titus 2:14.

A committee on devotional exercises was appointed as follows:

O. H. Barnett, J. L. Parker, Pastor and Deacons of Thomas Town church.

Petitionary letters were called for, and a letter from Liberty Hill church petitioning membership in this body was read, the church received and her delegates, E. Simmons, C. R. McNeal, enrolled.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Upon a call for correspondence of messengers from other

bodies and enterprises the following named brethren responded :

Yazoo Association B. F. Miller.
Kosciusko . D. L. Wilson, H. M. Whitten, W. B. Allen.
Representative of The Baptist O. M. Lucas.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Be it resolved, That any member, or members, of any church, or churches, that belong to this body who may be present at the meetings of other bodies with which we are in correspondence are hereby authorized to act as members from us.

A. B. Hill was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and T. G. Ward, alternate.

Call for report of the Trustees of Harmony Baptist Institute.

The following report was read and spoken to by Prof. J. F. Parkinson and S. W. Moore and adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

Dear Brethren. Your wisdom in founding and maintaining the above named school is fully demonstrated by the contents of the following report;

This is only the fifth session of the Harmony Baptist Institute at Lena, and you have a school well grounded in the esteem and confidence of a large surrounding territory from which to draw patronage, and well equipped for work.

We have just completed, at the expense of the people of Lena community, an additional two story building, joined to the main building on south; which changes the form of the building to a T. instead of an L. We now have 4,640 feet of available floor, divided into eight rooms, all of which are well furnished. Prof. J. F. Parkinson, as principal, has amply verified that he is the right man in the right place. As an instructor, disciplinarian and general director of the affairs of the institution his equal would not be easily found. Being an incessant worker himself he makes diligent application the chief characteristic of this school.

Prof. H. A. Stovall, with his never-tiring energy, zeal and enthusiasm, as first assistant is very successfully seconding the effort of the principal.

Miss Mittie Morris, with Mrs. Bertha Parkinson, are doing the work in the primary department to seeming perfection.

PROCEEDINGS OF

The present session opened September 3d with an enrollment of one hundred students, which has since been increased to one hundred and twenty-two. With an opening last session of 82 the roll reached 160. We expect to enroll 200 this session. We have enrolled boarding students up to this time, 52.

Ample and convenient boarding facilities are being constantly increased to meet the growing demand.

Religious advantages are keeping pace with the growth of the school.

The term of office as trustee of Dr. A. L. Morris expires at this meeting of your body. The term of Rev. A. B. Hill expired last year and through oversight you failed to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. MORRIS, Chairman,
T. J. MOORE, Secretary.

By motion A. L. Morris was elected to succeed himself, and A. B. Hill was elected to succeed himself.

The committee on devotional exercises reported as follows:

B. F. Mill to preach at the church tonight. J. F. Parkinson at Wake Forest church tonight. W. P. Dorrell at Bro. E. T. Gober's house tonight. Sabbath school rally at 10 a. m., Sunday, by Dr. J. N. Denson.

11 a. m., Sunday, preaching by O. M. Lucas. 2 p. m., preaching by D. L. Wilson.

By motion adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m., Monday.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 10 o'clock devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. W. Nutt.

At 10:30 the subject of Sunday schools was taken up. Able and interesting talks were made by Dr. J. N. Denson and D. L. Wilson, after which the report on Sunday schools was read by Dr. J. N. Denson and spoken to by A. B. Hill.

By motion the report was recommitted to the committee to be perfected and 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, made the special order to discuss the same.

The hour set for preaching arrived and the Moderator suspended further business.

At 11 o'clock Rev. O. M. Lucas preached to a very large and attentive congregation from Eph. 2:4-7.

At the close of sermon a collection was taken for general Missions which amounted to \$17.35.

EVENING SESSION.

At 2:30 o'clock the congregation was called together and Rev. D. L. Wilson preached an interesting sermon from last part of 26th verse of 11th chapter of the Acts.

The sermon was followed by a Choctaw service by the Indian delegates of this tribe, in which they sang, prayed and preached in their own language, interspersed by interpretations and other talks in broken English.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o'clock, after a song and prayer the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read by the Clerk and approved.

By motion the Moderator was ordered to appoint a committee whose duty it is to nominate some one to fill the vacancy as Trustee, caused by the death of Brother W. C. Sessions, to-wit: J. L. Parker, W. C. Nutt and J. R. Bell, who put in nomination T. G. Ward, and on motion was duly elected by the body.

On motion Prof. J. F. Parkinson and W. I. Phillips were excused from further attendance of this session.

By motion the time of the meeting of the Association was changed from Saturday to Friday before the fourth Sunday in October of each year.

By motion the Moderator was ordered to appoint a chairman on each committee at this meeting, to prepare reports to be read at the next meeting of the Association for adoption.

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REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, your committee appointed to write on the Orphanage, beg leave to report the following:

During the past year the Orphanage has made successful progress, which convinces us that the hand of God is in the work, who has said He would be a "father to the fatherless and husband to the widow."

The Orphanage is located in the suburbs of Jackson, has 112 acres of choice lands and improvements enough to make everything comfortable. The large dormitory has ~~almost~~ been completed, ~~but some funds are needed to help furnish and prepare it for use.~~ *furnished*

Brother L. S. Foster will then be able to care for over one hundred children.

This enlargement in accommodation also enlarges our responsibility to the work.

Therefore we would recommend that all the churches in this association take regular collections for the support of this noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. NUTT,
O. B. THORNTON,
C. R. MCNEAL,
Committee.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The report was read and after being discussed by O. M. Lucas was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Publications would respectfully report the following:

As there are so many publications sent out which are pernicious in their tendency and calculated to mislead the youthful mind, hence the necessity for vigilance upon the part of parents and teachers to guard the reading matter of their children, also, to provide suitable literature for their instruction and entertainment.

First of all we would emphasize the necessity of reading and studying the Bible. In order to encourage such reading and study, we would recommend the adoption of the motto, "the Bible or New Testament for each child."

We would also recommend the following papers as worthy of perusal: The Baptist, our home paper, published at Jackson, Miss.; the Baptist and Reflector, published at Nashville, Tenn.; the Foreign

Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., also recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School literature.

T. B. BLAIBLOCK,
J. R. LOWE,
J. A. THOMAS,
Committee.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The report was read as it appears below and after being spoken to by Brethren Denson, E. J. Hill, Langston and Nutt was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Missions cannot too strongly urge upon the Churches of this Association the grand importance of missions.

We do not desire to draw any distinction between the different fields, between those of home and those of foreign fields, but would emphasize that all are equally important and to neglect either when within the power of the churches or the Association to supply would be willful neglect of duty, for which God would not hold them guiltless. The subject of Missions has been so often discussed in reports to this body that we feel that it would be an act of supererogation for us to enter into any argument at this time, but would only say it is sufficient, that Christ has said, "Go teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

With this plain declaration before the eyes of all, ever child of God who fails to contribute of his means does commit a gross sin of dereliction.

Your committee have no data upon which to found statistics, but did, from the letters from the churches, observe that several of them have given liberally to this cause, while others have not.

Your committee, in conclusion, would strongly urge the importance of missions to the prayerful consideration of every Baptist of Harmony Association, that Christ has said, "Go ye unto all the world and preach the Gospel, not to every nation, nor the people of every nation, but every creature."

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. DENSON,
R. M. FLOWERS,
G. W. MOORE,
Committee.

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REPORT ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests would report as follows:

We find no queries and but two requests for the next meeting of the Association, one from Rocky Point and one from Good Hope, Leake county.

We recommend that our next meeting be held with Rocky Point Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. VINSON,
W. D. EVANS,
W. B. LEE,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The following was read and by motion adopted:

It is the pleasure of your Committee on Temperance to inform you that our people are still working on the right side of this question. Recognizing the fact that total abstinence is the only safe grounds to be occupied by our members, and that prohibition is the only protection for society, we therefore urge our members to continue to work on this line, asking God to help us and protect us from the debasing influences of strong drink.

S. W. MOORE,
ROBT. L. DENSON,
ARTHUR MEADOW,
Committee.

By motion Brethren E. S. Douglas and T. D. Cook were released from the body.

The body took a recess for one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

By motion the Clerk was ordered to have the Constitution and Rules of Order printed in the minutes.

By motion Brother C. L. Barnett was excused from further attendance.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The report was read and adopted as follows:

We your Committee on Nomination submit the following report:

We recommend that E. J. Hill be appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of the Association, and G. W. Nutt alternate.

We recommend that the next meeting of the Executive Board be held with Center Hill Church, (and Brethren J. H. Carpenter and J. B. Fulton were appointed by the moderator to draft and have published a programme for next meeting of the Board.)

We further recommend that you appoint the following-named brethren as members of the Executive Board, and that each Church be requested to appoint one additional member:

Carthage	J. E. Sudduth.
Plymoth	Luther Hardrage.
Good Hope, (L.,)	J. M. O'Neal
Good Hope, (M.,)	J. R. Sherrod.
Cedar Grove	W. B. Dumas.
Union, (Chk.,)	John Sockey.
Stump Ridge	Archie B. Colman.
Tuscola	Robt. L. Denson.
Center Hill	Jesse Edward.
Walnut Grove	D. J. Britt.
Salem	J. N. Dorrell.
Cross Roads	J. Alford Trest.
Rocky Point	E. S. Douglas.
New Union	J. M. Thomas.
Wake Forest	R. A. Gray.
Mt. Carmel	I. L. Blocker.
New Providence	R. M. Flowers.
Midway	S. D. Jackson.
Unity	R. D. King.
Standing Pine	O. H. Barnett.
Friendship	S. A. Moore.
Thomas Town	Louis Gober.
Mt. Zion, (Chk.,)	Pat Chitto.
Mt. Zion	J. A. Thomas.
Camden	J. E. Gober.
New Hope	A. H. Langston.
Hopewell	B. L. Ellington.
Hopewell, (Chk.,)	Solmon York.

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Hebron	O. B. Thornton.
Lottville.....	S. H. Smith.
Bethany, (Chk.,).....	Will Jimmie.
Liberty Hill.....	Elias Simmons.

We request that each Church select their best members as members of the Executive Board.

E. D. ROBERTS,
S. H. SMITH.
J. F. KERNOP.
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The hour having arrived for special order the report on Sunday schools was read by Dr. J. N. Denson as amended and was discussed by Dr. J. N. Denson and others and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools consider that this is one of the most important enterprises that can come up for consideration of Christians everywhere.

Your committee would urge that every member should take active part in the Sunday School either as teacher or pupil. The old erroneous idea, that the Sunday School is intended for children only, should be exploded in thunder sounds.

This should be the motto of every Christian heart, "A place in the Sunday School for every Christian."

"Teach these things diligently unto your children," is a direct command of God to every parent. And again, "Train up a child in the way he should go."

Remember the promise which is coupled with that command, viz: "When he is old he will not depart from it."

These commands and promises come directly to each parent.

And your committee would further urge to the consideration of every parent that the Sunday School is not intended to supplant this duty upon them as parents, but is only intended as supplemental thereto.

Your committee, however, would remark that in the Sunday School, with our present advantages in cheap Sunday School literature, that the children and adults can be taught in wider range of Scripture teaching that can be obtained at most homes, viz: In the Biographical, Historical and Geographical departments of the Bible.

The following statistics are the best your committee could glean from the letters of the churches to this body as follows:

Carthage—Supt. J. F. Cadenhead; No. months, 12; No. officers, 7; No. scholars, 57; average attendance, 25; S. B. C. literature.

Cedar Grove—Supt., J. F. Halford; months, 12; officers, 5; scholars, 40; average attendance, 20; literature, S. B. S.

Good Hope, (L.)—Supt., Robert Nutt; months, 12; officers, 3; scholars, 30; average attendance, 18; literature, S. B. C.

Good Hope, (M.)—Supt., J. P. Gober; months, 6; officers, 11; scholars, 77; average attendance, 60; literature, S. B. C.; baptized, 18.

Hebron—Supt., E. W. Melvin; months, 6; officers, 5; scholars, 52; average attendance, 45; literature, Union.

Hopewell—Supt., J. M. Sandridge; months, 12; officers, 4; average attendance, 35; literature, S. B. C.

Friendship—Supt., Prof. H. A. Stovall; months, 12; officers, 8; scholars, 150; average attendance, 98; literature, S. B. C.

Lottville—Supt., B. F. Liggott; months, 3; officers, 5; scholars, 30; average attendance, 20; literature, S. B. C.

Tuscola—Supt., Ed Dinson; months, 12; officers, 5; scholars, 36; average attendance, 36; literature, S. B. C.

Thomas Town—Supt., E. D. Roberts; literature, S. B. C.

Walnut Grove—Supt., C. P. Monday; months, 12; officers, 5; literature, S. B. C.

Standing Pine—Supt., O. H. Barnett; months, 12; officers, 5; scholars, 60; average attendance, 30; literature, S. B. C.

New Union—Supt., J. E. Murphy; months, 7; officers, 6; scholars, 45; average attendance, 28; literature, Union.

Wake Forest—Supt., J. R. Ellington; months, 4; literature, S. B. C.

Your committee found it impossible to obtain possession of the church letters in time to submit proper statistics, and would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to supply the omission.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. ALLEN, Chairman.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Report was read and ably discussed by A. H. Langston and A. B. Hill and adopted with the following amounts subscribed to the endowment of the College:

J. R. Newsom.....	\$ 5 00
O. B. Thornton.....	2 50
J. R. Bell.....	2 50

Mariah Flowers.....	2 50
W. C. Nutt.....	1 00
T. G. Ward.....	1 50
Total.....	<u>\$15 00</u>

Your Committee on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College submit the following report:

Mississippi College, at Clinton, stands as a monument to the efforts and agency of our denomination in the state in creating and maintaining an educational centre, which is the pride of our people; more enduring than marble and granite, and indispensable to the proper education of our young men and ministers. What Athens was to Greece and Berlin is to Germany, Mississippi College is to Baptists in Mississippi as an educational center for higher learning. Thither have gone our most efficient and able men, fired with the Divine commission to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, to make that preparation indispensable to the proper discharge of their life work. It is here that character is developed and training obtained that have enabled our young ministers to preach the Gospel with greater power and effectiveness than would have been possible without such training.

Our duty to this institution is imperative, and demands its liberal and efficient support and maintenance at the hands of our denomination. The sharp and strenuous competition in the battle of life, the exactions of the present age for the highest excellence in moral worth and mental power leaves it no longer a question of expediency, but of self-preservation, if we would meet these requirements with a manly spirit and a proper devotion to our principles and ideals which have characterized Baptists in all ages of the world.

An educated ministry is more efficient and powerful, and will accomplish greater results among civilized and highly developed people than an uneducated one. While we do not think an education is indispensable to the preaching of the Gospel, it is a valuable and indispensable requisite to its proper discharge. Mississippi College is in a highly prosperous condition and its high standard should be steadfastly and zealously maintained. Statistics are not available, but we note there are more students at the College than ever before.

Let us all aid it by our means, influence and efforts to advance the preacher's college, and our own beloved educational institution.

A. H. LANGSTON,
J. A. TREST,
Committee.

WOMANS WORK.

Report was read and ably discussed by Miss Geneva Wilbanks and adopted as follows:

Dear Brethren, we beg to report as follows: We discover from letters from several of the churches that there are only three churches that report Woman's Mission Societies. We lament this deplorable situation, and ask that our churches and pastors endeavor to see the importance of work. Our women should be recognized as workers for our Master's cause. We would ask that some plan be suggested that would enable our churches to organize the women into Women's Mission Societies, auxiliary to the church and work as co-workers with the men. There is a grand work for them to do. They are accepted as missionaries and mission teachers; why not recognized as workers in our local churches?

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. BLOCKER,
W. B. DUMAS,
A. B. HILL,
Committee.

OBITUARIES.

Report was read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit: That since our last meeting death has invaded our circle and carried some of our beloved brethren and sisters home to their reward.

Thomas Town lost Bro. Andrew Blalock, Sister Mattie Bell; Center Hill, Sister J. Wallace; Mt. Carmel, Bro. J. S. McCorkle; Carthage, Bro. Noah Heath, Sister Delilah Hutchins; Hebron, Bro. J. G. Ashley; Tuscola, Bro. A. F. Young; Camden, Sister Kate Adams; Good Hope, (M.) Bro. N. G. McDaniels; Rocky Point, Sisters Lizzie Bobo and Mattie Horn; New Hope, Sister Bettie Weems; Salem, Sisters Matilda Mooney and Alma Williams; New Union, Sister Minnie Dooley; Bethany, (Chk.,) 1; Mt. Zion, (Chk.,) 1; Mt. Zion, 1. There may be others whose names have not been reported to the committee.

We offer our sympath to all the bereaved husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons or daughters, as the case may be, and urge them to remember that the alwise God, who loves and careth for us as a father to his children, "doeth all things well."

J. N. DORRELL,
J. M. O'NEAL,
J. H. CARPENTER,
Committee.

PROCEEDINGS OF

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee submitted their report which was adopted and will be found in tabulated form on another page.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We have held four meetings, viz: At New Hope in December, at Edinburgh in March, at Lena in June and at Corthage in September. At each meeting the various points within the Associational bounds that are without Baptist preaching were discussed. The pastors present at the meetings agreed to give such of their time as they could spare from their regular work to holding services in these destitute localities. By this means a little gratis mission work has been done.

We have, by collections at the meetings, paid Bro. F. P. S. Thombie, a Choctaw brother, for some mission work. These collections have amounted to ten or twelve dollars.

Discussions of practical and doctrinal questions have formed a very interesting and, we trust, profitable feature in each of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. MORRIS, Moderator.

T. J. MOORE, Secretary.

By motion the delegate to Southern Baptist Convention was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds to pay his expenses to said convention, if to be found in treasury.

By motion the Clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services. The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, That this body, on the first day of this session, hearing of the death of Brother W. C. Sessoms, of Lena, and,

Whereas, Brother W. C. Sessoms has been a member, and has given hearty co-operation with this Association in every enterprise for many years; therefore be it

Resolved, That we learn with regret of the death of our deceased brother, W. C. Sessoms, but take consolation to our hearts that our loss is his gain.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Thomas Town Church and community for the very hospitable manner in which the delegates and visitors have been entertained during the session of this body.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet with Rocky Point Church, on Friday, at 10 a. m., before the fourth Sunday in October, 1902.

After the singing of the song, "God be with you till we meet again," during the singing of which the delegates and visitors gave each other the parting hand, and a closing prayer led by J. N. Denson, the brethren dispersed.

Thus closed a good session of the Association.

T. G. WARD,
Clerk.

T. E. MORRIS,
Moderator.



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TREASURERS REPORT.

Account of T. J. Moore, Treasurer:

1901.

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Oct. 29—To cash from finance committee:
For associational purposes.....

State missions.....	\$ 61 85
Foreign missions.....	51 75
Home missions.....	30 25
General missions.....	29 45
Orphanage.....	15 15
Indian missions.....	6 70
	5 50

Total.....\$ 200 65

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Oct. 29—By deficit from last year.....\$ 1 30
Cash paid to A. V. Rowe:

State missions.....	51 75
Foreign missions.....	30 25
Home missions.....	29 45
General missions.....	15 15
Baptist orphanage.....	6 70
Cash to self, services as clerk.....	15 00
Printing minutes.....	26 25
To delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.....	15 75
Paper, postage, etc.....	1 25

Total.....\$ 192 85

Balance on hand.....\$ 7 80

HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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APPORTIONMENT

Amounts each church is asked to try to raise during the year. As money is collected let the church clerk send it on to A. V. Rowe, Winona, Miss.

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CHURCHES.

	State Missions.	Home Missions.	For'n Missions.
× Bethany	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00
× Camden	12 00	10 00	8 00
× Carthage	20 00	10 00	20 00
× Center Hill	6 00	2 00	4 00
× Cedar Grove	3 00	2 00	3 00
× Cross Roads	4 00	2 00	3 00
× Friendship	25 00	25 00	25 00
× Good Hope, (L)	20 00	15 00	15 00
× Good Hope, (M)	12 00	5 00	10 00
× Hebron	6 00	4 00	5 00
× Hopewell	4 00	2 00	4 00
× Hopewell, (Chk)	1 00	1 00	1 00
× Liberty Hill	2 00	1 00	2 00
× Lottville	4 00	2 00	4 00
× Mt. Zion	5 00	5 00	5 00
× Mt. Zion, (Chk)	1 00	1 00	1 00
× Midway	3 00	1 00	3 00
× Mt. Carmel	15 00	10 00	10 00
× New Hope	7 00	5 00	5 00
× New Providence	6 00	2 00	4 00
× New Union	2 00	2 00	2 00
× Plymouth	1 00	1 00	1 00
× Rocky Point	5 00	5 00	5 00
× Standing Pine	5 00	2 00	3 00
× Salem	2 00	1 00	2 00
× Stump Bridge	7 00	3 00	5 00
× Thomas Town	25 00	10 00	10 00
× Tuscola	7 00	3 00	5 00
× Union (Chk)	1 00	50	50
× Unity	10 00	5 00	10 00
× Walnut Grove	15 00	10 00	15 00
× Wake Forest	3 00	3 00	3 00

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PROCEEDINGS OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A. B. Hill	Carthage
T. J. Moore	Lena
T. E. Morris	Lena
T. G. Ward	Lena
G. W. Nutt	Good Hope
E. J. Hill	Good Hope
W. P. Dorrill	Palona
E. T. Dendy	Cameron
J. M. Vinson	Canton
Scott York, chk	Standing Pine
Allen Wilson, chk	St. Ann
T. S. Chitto, chk	Edinburg
Rufus York, chk	Thomas Town
W. B. Lee, chk	Thomas Town

LICENTIATES.

P. C. Barnett	Standing Pine, Miss
P. H. Rushing	Standing Pine, Miss
C. C. Anderson	Bertice, Miss
Joseph G. Gilmore	Good Hope, Miss
F. P. S. Thombie, chk	Standing Pine, Miss

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	Increase						Decrease			Total Membership.	Minutes Wanted...
			Days of Meeting.	Baptised.		Restoration.	By Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.				
Bethany, (chk).	Scott York, Standing Pine.	Will Jimmie, Franks	3	3	...	...	3	6	...	14	7
Camden.	G. W. Nutt, Good Hope.	B. G. Garner, Camden.	3	1	...	...	4	1	2	...	10
Carthage.	A. B. Hill, Carthage.	N. F. Wallace, Carthage...	1	6	4	1	2	...	92	20	
Center Hill.	E. J. Hill, Good Hope.	J. D. Pope, Conway.	3	10	5	2	5	1	...	111	25		
Cedar Grove.	G. W. Nutt, Good Hope.	J. A. Watkins, Good Hope.	1	6	1	...	4	...	...	46	15
Cross Roads.	G. W. Nutt, Good Hope.	J. A. Nutt, Ludlow.	4	2	1	...	2	...	...	22	10
Friendship.	T. J. Moore, Lena.	S. A. Moore, Lena.	3	10	5	...	7	1	...	161	50		
Good Hope, L.	T. E. Morris, Good Hope.	R. H. Wiggins, Good Hope.	2	9	2	3	12	1	...	113	25		
Good Hope, M.	A. B. Hill, Carthage.	D. C. Barrett, Couparl.	3	29	2	5	7	...	1	84	25		
Hebron.	G. W. Nutt, Good Hope.	O. B. Thornton, Mamie	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	36	10		
Hopewell.	J. M. Vinson, Canton.	B. L. Ellington, Joseph	1	4	3	5	5	11	...	53	15		
Hopewell, chk	Scott York, Standing Pine.	E. P. S. Tomlin, St'dg Pine	2	12	...	8	5	2	...	47	10		
Liberty Hill.	A. B. Hill, Carthage	W. N. Paulett, Sallis.	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	6
Lottville.	H. Webb, Clinton.	B. F. Leggett, Lottville	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	17	15
Mt. Zion.	E. W. Breland, Buck Spg's.	S. D. Phillips, Zion.	4	6	5	...	6	...	1	134	35		
Mt. Zion, chk.	T. S. Chitto, Edinburg.	Pat Chitto, St. Anne.	2	2	2	...	7	2	...	30	10		
Midway.	W. P. Dorrill, Palona.	S. W. Moore, Free Trade.	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	10	...
Mt. Carmel.	A. B. Hill, Carthage.	J. P. Spinks, Edinburg.	2	2	2	...	...	...	6	48	15
New Hope.	T. G. Ward, Lena.	W. S. Troutman, Estes Mill	3	7	2	...	1	...	6	62	20		
New Providence	E. J. Hill, Good Hope	J. D. Gross, Gip.	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	33	10
New Union.	E. J. Hill, Good Hope.	J. W. Thomas, Hopoka.	3	6	8	1	1	...	1	45	18		
Plymouth.	J. A. Johnson, Waldo.	Not represented.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	46	10
Rocky Point.	W. P. Dorrill, Palona	B. P. Horn, Gray.	1	7	3	3	3	3	...	104	20		
Standing Pine.	A. M. Barrett, St'dg Pine.	P. C. Barrett, St'dg Pine.	1	12	3	...	1	...	2	50	20		
Salem.	C. E. Hollis, Ayers.	J. M. Moody, Mosydell	4	13	1	3	1	2	...	91	25		
Stump Bridge.	B. F. Miller, Vaughans.	A. B. Colman, Camden.	1	4	...	...	2	...	2	43	10
Thomas Town.	H. M. Whitten, Kosciusko.	J. G. Carnes, Thomas Town	2	1	2	1	1	...	1	91	20		
Tuscola.	T. J. Moore, Lena	R. L. Denson, Tuscola.	1	7	5	...	2	...	...	65	15
Union, (chk).	Rufus York, Thomas Town.	Austin James, Goodman.	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	16	10
Unity.	B. F. Miller, Vaughans.	R. D. King, Redmonville.	2	3	1	...	...	...	1	56	15
walnut Grove.	T. J. Moore, Lena.	L. F. Ferguson, Wal. Gr'Ve	4	2	...	1	1	4	...	69	25		
Wake Forest.	W. B. Lee, Thomas Town.	G. W. Moore, Thomas Town	3	1	1	2	...	42	12		

PROCEEDINGS OF RULES OF ORDER.

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Rule 1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise.

Rule 2. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats and debate on any question before the body.

Rule 3. A member desiring to speak or present any matter to the body, shall rise and address "Brother Moderator." He shall confine himself to the matter before the body, cast no reflections on the Association nor any member thereof, nor shall he be interrupted while speaking.

Rule 4. When two or more members rise at the same instant, the Moderator shall recognize the one to proceed.

Rule 5. No person shall speak more than once to the same motion without leave of the body, except the mover of the same who shall be allowed five minutes to close the debate. Also, pending a motion to table, or when the Association shall have ordered the previous question, the right to the five-minute rule shall be observed.

Rule 6. The Moderator may speak to any question under debate. He shall rise from his seat to put questions, but may state them while sitting. He shall decide all points of order, but an appeal may be taken to the whole body.

Rule 7. The Moderator shall vote in all cases as any other member, and in case of a tie the motion shall be considered lost.

Rule 8. The Moderator shall appoint all committees except when otherwise ordered.

Rule 9. Motions containing two or more propositions shall be divided on demand of any member, and the vote taken on each separately. Every measure shall be brought before the body by motion and second and shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member.

Rule 10. While a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to commit or amend, to postpone to a time certain, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in their order.

Rule 11. A motion to adjourn, lay on the table for the previous question, or to reconsider a non-debatable motion, shall be deemed non-debatable questions. A point of order shall be held non-debatable except on an appeal.

Rule 12. On demand for the previous question, the chair shall immediately submit. Shall the main question be now put? which, if decided affirmatively, he shall proceed to take the vote, first on any

pending amendments thereto, in their order and then upon the main question.

Rule 13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all motions except to adjourn, but cannot be considered while the Association is engaged in other business. A motion to reconsider having failed, it shall prevent that measure being again considered during that session.

Rule 14. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

Rule 15. An amendment to an amendment may be received, but shall proceed no further.

Rule 16. Any resolution, motion or proposition may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before decision or amendment.

Rule 17. Any two members shall have the right to demand the ayes and nays on any question before the body.

Rule 18. When the body is proceeding under its regular order, all motions, reports or resolutions, when read, shall be considered before the body.

Rule 19. A motion to suspend the Rules, shall be deemed a privileged motion, but no debate will be allowed thereon. A motion to suspend shall state definitely, the object for which they are to be suspended, and a "two-thirds vote" must prevail in order to suspension.

Rule 20. Special Order.—The Association may, by a "two-thirds vote," fix any measure before it, for a special hour. When the hour for the special order shall have arrived, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to immediately suspend any business before the body and take up such special order.

Rule 21. No member shall take a final departure without leave of the body.

Rule 22. The officers of the previous Association shall be ex-officio officers of the body, for the purpose of an organization.

Rule 23. Order of Business.—The order of Business, the first day of the session, shall be as follows:

1. Reading the correspondence from the churches and enrollment of the delegate's names.
2. Election of officers.
3. Reception of letters petitioning admittance into the body.
4. Reception of fraternal correspondence.
5. Access to hear Introductory Sermon.
6. Unfinished business of the previous Association.
7. New and miscellaneous business.
8. To appoint the following standing committees, to consist of not less than three members, to-wit: On order of Business, on Ministe-

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rial Education and Mississippi College; on Missions, on Publications, on Sunday-schools, on State of Religion, on Queries and Requests, on Nominations, on Finance. Provided, that as soon as an organization is effected, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to arrange preaching during the session.

Rule 24. Parliamentary law shall in all cases govern where these Rules are silent.

Rule 25. These Rules may be suspended, altered or amended at any time by a "two-thirds vote" of the members present.

CONSTITUTION.

We the undersigned, having been duly appointed delegates by our respective churches, and being now assembled in convention, do solemnly unite in the capacity of an Association and for our direction adopt the following Constitution:

ART. 1. Name and of whom Composed—This body shall be known by the name of Harmony Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates only, who are members of the churches they represent.

ART. 2. Terms of Representation—Churches represented in this body shall be entitled to two delegates and an additional one for every twenty-five over fifty members.

ART. 3. Time and Place of Meeting—This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be previously appointed.

ART. 4. Officers and their Duties—After reading the letters from the churches and enrolling the names of the delegates, the Association shall proceed to elect by ballot a Moderator, and Clerk, who shall also be ex-officio Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings, and do, and discharge all duties imposed on him, as such by the rules of the body. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the body, and keep a regular file of minutes, which he shall transmit to his successor in office. It shall be the duty of the ex-officio Treasurer, to receive all monies belonging to the Association or its Board and make a report of the state of the Treasury before the close of each session. There shall also be selected at each annual meeting of the body, one member from each church composing this Association, exclusive of the officers, who, with the officers of the body, shall be ex-officers of the Board, shall constitute an Executive Board, five of whom shall form a quorum to conduct the business of

the Association during the *interim* of its meetings. These officers shall continue in office until succeeded by new appointments.

ART. 5. *Statistics*—It is expected that the churches will send messengers and letters to each annual meeting, giving an account of the state of their respective churches, particularly of the additions and diminutions in the past year, and of whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with whole number of members in communion; with these letters each church shall forward money for printing of the minutes.

ART. 6. *Reception of New Churches*—Churches wishing to be represented in this union may apply by letter and messengers, and giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in faith and practice, may be received and as token of same, the Moderator, in behalf of the Association shall extend to their messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. *Privileges of the Association*—Although an associate body, we disclaim any power over the churches, so far as respects an interference with their independence and discipline; yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves the propriety of continuing any church in our connection, which is either heterodox in principle or disorderly in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship from any church without sufficient cause, it is proposed that when complaint is made by any two churches of this body against a church belonging to this Association, if thought expedient, they may appoint a committee who shall request a conference with said church, in order to obtain satisfaction on the points which form the subject of complaint, and shall report the result to the next meeting of the Association, in order that they may decide as duty shall require.

ART. 8. *Neglected Representation*.—When any church shall neglect making a communication to the Association for two consecutive years it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and shall be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members shall request her continuance, and will also engage to inquire into her standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 9. *Of Correspondence*.—This Association may hold correspondence with such Associations, societies or individuals as she shall think proper.

ART. 10. *Of the Spread of the Gospel*—It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what she may think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the gospel.

ART. 11. *General Provisions*—This Association when convened shall appoint the time and place of the next annual meeting, select a person or persons to preach on the occasion, make any other appoint-

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ment or transact any other business that they may judge expedient, and from time to time make such amendments and alterations to this Constitution as experience may dictate, *provided* such amendment or alteration shall be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, *provided further* that notice of the desired change was duly entered on the minutes of the previous session.

The following brethren are appointed to prepare reports on subjects assigned them, to be read at the meeting of Harmony Association, in October, 1902.

+ Missions	T. J. Moore
+ Ministerial Ed. and Miss. College	A. B. Hill
+ Publications	Dr. J. N. Denson
+ Temperance	J. G. Gilmore
Sabbath Schools	G. W. Nutt
+ Woman's Work	T. G. Ward
Sustentation	E. J. Hill
+ Obituaries	W. P. Dorrill
+ Nominations	T. B. Blailock

orphanage
+ *Inquiries & Requests*

J. F. Parkinson

CHURCHES.

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